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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Please enter the following preliminary amendment.

IN THE CLAIMS

✓ Please cancel claims 34-47 and 50-52.

Please amend the claims as follows.

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Claim 2 (Amended)

An isolated nucleic acid molecule encoding a THX transporter polypeptide, PNHX transporter polypeptide, or a fragment of a polypeptide having Na^+/H^+ transporter activity and capable of increasing salt tolerance in a cell, comprising a nucleic acid molecule selected from the group consisting of:

[(c)] (a) a nucleic acid molecule that hybridizes to all or part of a nucleic acid molecule shown in SEQ ID NO.1, SEQ ID NO.3, SEQ ID NO.17 SEQ ID NO.19 or a complement thereof under moderate or high stringency hybridization conditions wherein the nucleic acid molecule

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